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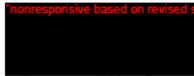
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Contract No. EP-S3-04-03, Task Order No. 002, TechLaw, Inc. (TechLaw) was tasked to perform information retrieval activities and a site visit as part of a Preliminary Assessment (PA) of the former National Fireworks, Incorporated, Facility Depot, in Bristol, Virginia. These tasks were initiated as part of a review of Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS).

TechLaw was tasked to by Mr. Steve Hirsh of the EPA to perform a site visit of the property where the National Fireworks, Incorporated Facility Depot (National Fireworks facility) was located. The purpose of this visit was to determine if threats to human health and/or the environment were observed or are suspected as a result of the property's former use as a defense site.

This trip report presents a summary of information retrieval and site inspection activities.

2.0 BACKGROUND/SITE DESCRIPTION

TechLaw was not able to obtain any significant documentation regarding the history of this facility. According to verbal information provided by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ), the facility was previously a fireworks facility that was then acquired by the U.S. Navy during World War II and utilized as a munitions reloading facility. The facility was located at the intersection of Old Airport Road and Bonham Road in Bristol, Virginia. The facility was closed after World War II. The disposition of the building(s) or any remaining materials at the time of the facility's closure is unclear, but redevelopment of the area has taken place since that time.

TechLaw attempted to obtain aerial photographs of this intersection during the time that this facility was in operation in order to obtain a footprint of the buildings; however, aerial photographs of this county were only taken after 1956. Additionally, insufficient owner information was available to obtain property chain-of-title/ownership information.

3.0 FIELD PERSONNEL

nonresponsive based on revised scope, of TechLaw, conducted the site visit on July 18, 2007. Ms. Teresa Frazier of the VADEQ's Southwest Region Office also accompanied **nonresponsive based on revised scope** on this site visit.

4.0 FIELD ACTIVITIES

4.1 Introduction

This section summarizes the field activities conducted on July 18, 2007. Field logs were maintained to document the field activities. A copy of the field logs are provided as Attachment A.

4.2 Site Visit Activities

On July 18, 2007, [nonresponsive based on revised] mobilized to the suspected location of the former National Fireworks facility, in Bristol, Virginia. It was believed that the facility may have encompassed several buildings, most or all of which are no longer present. [nonresponsive] began site reconnaissance at 10 Coronett and Thomas Road, adjacent the Old Airport and Bonham Road intersection. A 1940's era cinder block building is present that may be a remnant from the National Fireworks facility. The building is vacant and is available for sale. A sign stating "For Sale - 5.2 +/- Acres" was present at the entrance to the facility's driveway. A weathered sign located at the entrance to the building stated "Bristol Old Mill Factory Outlet." It appears that this building has not been utilized for several years and is in very poor condition. A significant amount of building debris remains at the facility and it appears that it has also been used as a dumping site. Although remediation issues were identified at this site based upon the condition of the building (possible lead paint, abandoned drums, asbestos, etc.), no specific formerly used defense site remediation issues were identified. Additionally, no definitive proof that this building was connected with the National Fireworks facility was found. By coincidence, Mr. Richard Tizask, a representative from the current owners of the property (Highlands Orion Bank) appeared at the Bristol Old Mill Factory Outlet. Mr. Tizask did not have any chain of title information regarding the property.

[nonresponsive based on revised] then mobilized to the intersection of Old Airport and Bonham Roads and obtained photographs of the intersection from each direction. No remaining site structures were observed by [nonresponsive based on revised] nor were any environmental or human health threats based upon the current condition of the site noted. Please refer to the photographic log, included as Attachment B, for further information.

4.3 Health and Safety Plan

Field activities were conducted according to the procedures described in TechLaw's Health and Safety Plan for Reconnaissance and Sampling at Formerly Utilized Defense Sites (FUDS) and Federal Facilities within the Commonwealth of Virginia, October 6, 2006.

5.0 REFERENCES

TechLaw, 2007. Field Log Book. July 18, 2007.

TechLaw, October 2006. *FUDS Health and Safety Plan*. October 2006.

ATTACHMENT A: FIELD LOGS

JULY 18, 2007 SITE VISIT

**FORMER NATIONAL FIREWORKS, INCORPORATED
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"*Rite in the Rain*"[®]
ALL-WEATHER WRITING PAPER



FIELD

All-Weather Notebook
No. 351

NATIONAL FIREWORKS

4 5/8" x 7" - 48 Numbered Pages



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SITE RECON.

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7/18/07 WEDNESDAY 75°F OVERCAST in Maryland

- 0830 LEAVE HOTEL FOR VA DEQ SOUTHWEST REGION OFFICE TO MEET WITH TERESA FRAZIER.
- 0840 ARRIVE @ VA DEQ SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE (355 DEND MOORE ST, ARLINGTON, VA.) TO MEET TERESA FRAZIER. SIGN IN.
- 0845 MEET WITH TERESA FRAZIER TO DISCUSS THOSE ITEMS & INFORMATION WE EACH HAVE ON THE FACILITY
- 0905 LEAVE DEQ FOR BRISTOL.
- 0920 ARRIVE AT ~~351 VOLUNTARY PARKWAY~~ 10 CORONETT & THOMAS ST. BRISTOL, VA. SUSPECTED MUNITIONS FACILITY.
- 0921 BEGIN SITE RECON & PHOTO SHOOT OF THE 1940 ERA CINDER BLOCK BUILDING.

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PHOTO LOG

- 1 0935 SUSPECTED MUNITIONS BUILDING FOR SALE SIGN.
- 2 0945 FRONT OF BUILDING @ 10 CORONETT
- 3 0947 FRONT (SOUTH ENTRANCE TO BUILDING WITH "BRISTOL OLD MILL FACTORY OUTLET" SIGN
- 4 0950 55 GALLON DRUM OF "ADVANCE SCOT CONTROL" PETROLEUM DRUM.
- 5 1000 SOUTH LOOKING NORTH OF 4 1/2 OF BUILDING.
- 6 1005 LOADING DOCK @ REAR OF BUILDING LOOKING SOUTH. ^{WEST} FROM NORTH-EAST
- 7 1006 REAR OF BUILDING LOOKING NORTH WEST.
- 8 1015 NORTH END LOADING DOCK.

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Photo log Pg 2

- 9-1016 North Looking NORTH EAST END
OF Building
- 10 1016 INTERIOR OF Building ~~looking~~ North
EAST
- 11 1040 INTERIOR OF Building looking
NORTH.
- 12 1115 Old Airport / BONHAM looking
Looking South EAST DOWN BONHAM
- 13 1116 Old Airport / BONHAM looking
NORTH WEST UP BONHAM
- 14 1116 Old Airport / BONHAM looking
South WEST UP Old Airport.
- 15 1117 Old Airport / BONHAM looking
NORTH EAST DOWN Old Airport.
- 16 1125 Old Airport / BONHAM / FAIRFIELD
looking North WEST UP BONHAM
- 17 1126 Old Airport / BONHAM / FAIRFIELD
looking South EAST DOWN BONHAM

1021 RECON ADJACENT PROPERTY

1030 MEET By Accident MR RICHARD
FIZASK OF HIGHLANDS DRUG
BANK - CURRENT OWNERS OF
PROPERTY

1100 Mobilize TO Old Airport ?
BONHAM TO PHOTOGRAPH N-S-E-W
DIRECTIONS TO SHOW THAT NO Enemy
MUNITIONS SITE STILL EXIST.

1120 Mobilize TO Old Airport BONHAM ?
FAIRFIELD Rd. looking ~~North West~~
~~UP BONHAM~~ TO SHOW THAT NO-
EXISTING MUNITION SITES STILL EXIST.

~~1121 Mobilize TO Old Airport ?~~

1140 Mobilize FROM Bristol
SITE.

1200 BREAK FOR LUNCH

12:55 ARRIVE @ DEW OFFICE

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Photo log Pg 3

18 1120 Old Airport / BONHAM & FAIRFIELD
looking SW-WEST DOWN Old
Airport

19 1131 Old Airport / BONHAM & FAIRFIELD
looking NORTH EAST UP FAIRFIELD

1320 LEAVE DEEP & RETURN TO Hotel

1330 Arrive @ Hotel

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ATTACHMENT B: PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

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Photo 1: View of the “Bristol Old Mill Factory Outlet” building (a suspected munitions building) with the “For Sale – 5.2 +/- Acres” sign



Photo 2: View of front of the “Bristol Old Mill Factory Outlet” building @ 10 Cornett Street



Photo 3: View of the front, south entrance to the building with the
“Bristol Old Mill Factory Outlet” sign



Photo 4: View of 55-gallon drum labeled "Advanced Control"



Photo 5: View of the building from the south, looking at the north end of the building



Photo 6: View of loading dock at rear of building looking south



Photo 7: View of rear of building, looking north-west



Photo 8: View of the north-east area of loading dock



Photo 9: View from the north, looking at the north-east end of the building



Photo 10: View of the interior of the building, looking north-east



Photo 11:View of the interior of the building, looking north



Photo 12: View of Old Airport and Bonham Roads, looking south-east down Bonham



Photo 13: View of Old Airport and Bonham Roads, looking north-west up Bonham



Photo 15: View of Old Airport and Bonham Roads, looking north-east down Old Airport Road



Photo 16: View of Old Airport/Bonham and Fairfield Roads, looking north-west up Bonham Road



Photo 17: View of Old Airport/Bonham and Fairfield Roads, looking south-east down Bonham Road